

Symptoms of lead poisoning include:

- Headaches
- Tiredness
- Irritability
- Nervousness
- Anemia
- Apathy
- Poor appetite
- Weight loss
- Constipation
- Stomach pain
- Lead poisoning can occur long before clinical symptoms and some children may not have any symptoms**

Health problems that may occur include:

- Neurological deficits
- Behavior problems
- Slower reflexes
- Kidney, nerve & stomach problems
- Learning disabilities
- Lowered IQ
- Mental retardation
- And in serious cases - Death**

What happens if the blood lead test result is $>20 \mu\text{g/dL}$?

The Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) takes a dual approach when a child's test result is at this level.

1. To Parents TDH sends a packet of information in English and Spanish via certified mail. The packet includes a notice of the need for follow-up medical care, and pamphlets on how to prevent and minimize lead poisoning.

2. To Providers TDH sends information noting the child's name, date of birth, test date, and lead level. Three additional forms to help in tracking and follow-up are also included in the packet.

- The Lead Assessment Interview Tool (M100)
- The Provider Follow-up of Elevated Blood Lead Levels
- The Lead Contact and Information Sheet

From July 2001 - December 2001 the CLPPP sent out 621 packets to parents. 176 packets were returned due to problem addresses or they were unclaimed. These packets were resent via regular mail. By providing the most current information, you help ensure receipt of the packets by the parents and that each child has the opportunity for proper follow-up care.

Should you assess or test?

Age of Child	May use Primary Parent Questionnaire	May use Abbreviated Parent Questionnaire	Blood Lead Test Required
6 months	<i>Yes</i>		
12 months			<i>Yes</i>
18 months	<i>Yes</i>		
24 months			<i>Yes</i>
3, 4, 5, and 6 years old	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes</i>	If child has no record of a blood lead screen.

Do you know your local contacts?

For questions and help setting up environmental investigations, contact your local Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program.

Austin/ Travis County

508 Durwood
Austin, TX 78704
(512) 440-9401

City of Dallas

1500 Marilla St., Ste. 7AN
Dallas, TX 75201
(214) 670-8036

El Paso City/ County

1148 Airway Blvd.
El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 543-3525

Galveston County

1207 Oak St.
La Marque, TX 77568
(409) 938-2401

Harris County

2223 W. Loop South
Houston, TX 77027
(713) 439-6016

City of Houston

8000 N. Stadium Dr.
Houston, TX 77054
(713) 794-9311

San Angelo/ Tom Green County

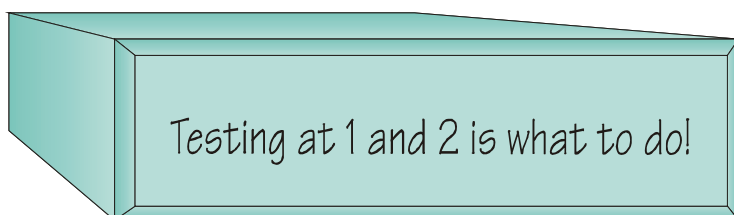
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San Angelo, TX 76903
(915) 657-4235

San Antonio

332 W. Commerce, Ste. 307
San Antonio, TX 78205
(210) 207-6042

Smith County

815 N. Broadway
Tyler, TX 75702
(903) 535-0036



Providers Testing the Most Children 2 Years Old or Younger in 2001 by Public Health Region

PHR 1 - Lubbock Children's Health Clinic #1

PHR 2 - Professional Association of Pediatrics #1, Abilene

PHR 3 - Dallas County Hospital District

PHR 4 - Diagnostic Clinic of Longview

PHR 5 - Angelina Pediatrics #1, Lufkin

PHR 6 - Southwest Community Health Clinic, Houston

PHR 7 - Scott and White Clinic #1, Temple

PHR 8 - San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department

PHR 9 - West Texas Medical Association, Pediatrics #1, San Angelo

PHR 10 - Texas Tech University Health Science Center, El Paso

PHR 11 - Laredo Medical Group, Pediatrics and Neonatology, #1

% of 2 year old and younger children tested in each Public Health Region (PHR) for 2001.

PHR 1 - 9.3

PHR 5 - 9.9

PHR 9 - 12.8

PHR 2 - 8.0

PHR 6 - 7.7

PHR 10 - 13.8

PHR 3 - 7.4

PHR 7 - 6.9

PHR 11 - 16.7

PHR 4 - 14.1

PHR 8 - 7.8

Counties Testing the Most and Fewest 2 year Old and Younger Population.

() - % of 2 year old and younger population tested in each county.

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Test Performed in July - December 2001	
Schleicher	(18.6)
Navarro	(17.4)
Dimmit	(16.1)
Zavala	(16.1)
Edwards	(13.2)
Gonzales	(12.9)
Titus	(12.6)
Cameron	(12.2)
Tom Green	(11.9)
Lamar	(11.7)

Test Performed in 2001	
Dimmit	(29.4)
Schleicher	(28.4)
Navarro	(27.0)
Zavala	(25.5)
Titus	(24.2)
Cameron	(22.1)
Camp	(21.9)
Presidio	(21.7)
Jim Wells	(21.5)
Lamar	(21.0)

Counties Testing the

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Test Performed in July - December 2001	
Borden	(0)
Briscoe	(0)
Foard	(0)
Hartley	(0)
Hemphill	(0)
Kenedy	(0)
King	(0)
Loving	(0)
McMullen	(0)
Motley	(0)
Oldham	(0)
Roberts	(0)
Sherman	(0)

Test Performed in 2001	
Randall	(.7)
Borden	(0)
Foard	(0)
Hartley	(0)
King	(0)
Loving	(0)
McMullen	(0)
Motley	(0)
Roberts	(0)
Sherman	(0)



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www.tdh.state.tx.us/lead.

◆ You can also visit our web site to find the proper reporting forms.